Progressive Club Minutes Cons iced
1930-1973
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Minutes-1930 to 1973

January 8, 1930 - In 1930 there were several committees: community service, publicity, emergency, and membership.
Meetings were first Wed. each month at 7:30 except during the summer when it was on Tuesdays.
Jack Airey was the first president. It was first called the Stinson Beach Improvement Club.
Original money for the club came from the recently defunct "Marin of the Sea Society" $63.00.
At the end of the first meeting, all retired to Algar's restaurant for refreshments.
At the second meeting, January 16, the name was changed to The Progressive Club of Stinson Beach.
They discussed a road to the beach from Calle del Mar.
The first bill of the club was from Jack Airey for lunch and cigars.
They discussed roads with Bolinas and Muir Beach spokespersons. And a proposed Coast Road.
The Boundaries of Stinson Beach were described as Stinson Ranch, Ocean, and White Gate Ranch.
Mr. Fitzhenry furnished a place near the Ranch for a dump.
They then discussed a road to the dump and $ for the dump.
Then they discussed a masked party at Sea Downs.
They then began discussing advertising for tourism in the Redwood Empire and San Francisco papers.
Stinson Beach where the mountains meet the sea. 3 miles of beautiful sandy beach for surf bathing.
Marvelous scenic trailes for hiking. Surf and Lagoon fishing. Temporate climate with all the year around resorts. Homesites with wonderful mountain and ocean views.
Only 15 miles by motor from San Francisco. Stages Daily.
In May it was decided to erect signs giving names of streets.
It was also decided that Ladies have charge of social events.
July 2 a discussion with Mr. Fitzhenry about the easement to the beach through Upton Camp property.
Mr. Fitzhenry talked with the members about efforts to have Willow Camp and his beach property made a State Park. He did this because of greater numbers of picnicers now that closed motor cars were coming so frequently.
Sept. 3 there was talk of a "defunct seal" on the beach.
They decided to communicate with other clubs and chambers of commerce about improving the coast roads.
Road work was suggested for Calle del Mar (the main road)
On Oct. 21, 1930 they endorsed the Golden Gate Bridge Project.
There was also talk of dredging the channel into Bolinas Lagoon.
In Nov. Mr. Gardner, our supervisor, said that Panoramic Highway would be bituminized by June of the next year.
There was some controversy over that as some wanted the coast road improved first.

1931
Meetings were at the Sea Beach Hotel. January meeting was cancelled because of bad weather.
Town roads were covered with gravel.
The Richmond Ferry was inefficient and theMarvelous Marin Inc. was written about this.
There was continuing discussion about which route, coastal or panoramic was more important for Stinson.
Concerns about people taking too many razor back clams and their resulting extinction were discussed.
Discussion of buying the entire sand spit as a park.
Discussion of getting Shoreline highway oiled.
Discussion of mosquitos and the Mosquito Committee.
Mr. Fitzhenry said he had cleaned two water tanks for the town.
Progressive Club continued its support of Marvelous Marin Inc.
Discussion of advertising signs along the highway and tearing them down.
Approved paving the coast road.
Discussion of paving and oiling hill roads and curves. Telephoning residents about contributing to paving hill roads.from airey's Store branching out both ways up the hill. Paving as far as the money stretches. Picnic to celebrate paving coast road.

1932
Mr. R.J. Airey was still president. To be succeeded by Mr. Walter B. Marble.
Oiling, paving roads, caring for ditches on the sides of the roads and care of street signs were the important ongoing issues.
In April the boundaries of Stinson were expanded further down the Lagoon to include more ranches, down to Runckle Ranch.
It was suggested that Buena Vista be one way on weekends and during the summer.
In May there were 51 members of the club.
An interesting comment: Raising money for road improvement, Otto Rassmussen suggested that as Mr. Fitzhenry could not help with road imp. Because of a lack of funds, he would take care of the Stinson Estate share if Mr. Fitzhenry would allow him some additional land on the west side of his property. There were other suggestions that would cover Fitzhenry's contribution at the cost of some of his property.
Social committee had a party atRms. Wakeham's Log Cabin. A good crowd attended.
Work was on for beach parking area. The need for this was because land was being divided into individual holdings. And beach property should be preserved for all.
Motion passed to communicate with PG&E asking them to communicate with the committee before setting any new poles in town.
The Club agreed not to pay a bill to Marvelous Marin Inc. because of " the receotion given our committee when it asked for a hearing on the Road to the Beach Program.
It is interesting that the Club collects money for road improvements and lets the contracts.
It also sends flowers to funerals.

1933
The club did not meet for the first three months because the president was out of town.
Not much happened and the club did not meet again until Sept. due to the President's absence.
In December it was learned that the roads in Stinson will not be taken over by the county.
But the county grader will work on them during the winter.

1934
They decided to reduce the number necessary for a quorum from 12 to 9.
In February they joined Marvelous Marin Inc.
Other concerns were rocks overhanging the Armistead home and funds for maintaining the fire truck.
They discussed writing Congresss to work out a plan to build the Shoreline Highway as part of the national defense system.
Passed a motion to put posts as a barrier across upper Calle Del Mar to keep cars from going sown that blind road and avoid future accidents.
Decided to discontinue meetings during the summer.
Miss McQuire gave a talk on the subject of schools.
In December having so few member s present election of officers was postponed.

1935
It was reported that all hill roads would be paved soon.
Also reported was the idea of the county acquiring public beaches and playgrounds
New concern raised about garbage being dumped on the sides of the roads and getting the county to pick it up.
Mr. Nunes agreed to remove his barn or part of it to improve visibility coming into town from the South.

1936
In 1936 the first meeting was held on March 5 and the only business was to agree to pay gas and oil for members to drive to Sacramento to meet with Highway Commission.
In May there was a concern about the speed and noise of the school bus.
The club showed moving pictures of the Golden Gate Bridge.
In September there was discussion regarding the difficulties Stinson was having in finding a place for a dump.
Discussion about garbage continued for the rest of the year, without resolution.

1937
Stinson wanted to use the Bolinas dump for garbage but Bolinas was reluctant.
Thanks were given to the firedept. And the Bolinas Coast Guard for help with Miss Meyer's burning home.
They agreed to put a Stinson float into the Golden Gate Bridge fiesta parade in May.
But next month it was canceled because Marvelous Marin Inc. said that the minimum dollar amount for a float was $500.
Concerns about getting county to fix roads damaged from winter rains.
Some desire was raised for a West Coast Chamber of Commerce.
$10 was sent to Marvelous Marin Inc. for advertising for the county.
There was a discussion about auto racing on the beach and it was said that autos racing one at a time in the areas where there were no people was okay.

1938
Discussion to Marin supervisors to pave Panoramic Highway.
Concerns about road repair on the Hill.
Marin Conservation League asked for contributions for the acquisition of the beach on Drakes Bay.
There was much discussion on the last meeting of the year about the right of way to the beach through Willow Camp.

1939
For the first time there is Progressive Club stationery.
Opening statement: Because unincorporated towns, such as Stinson Beach, have no way of carrying on community business without some association, our Progressive club was formed in 1930, as a non-profit organization to take an active interest in the welfare of the community.
Shine for Thirty Nine – San Francisco's slogan was adopted and the ideas is to clean up every rubbish pile in town. If you cannot personally burn or remove your own rubbish the club will help.
After the disastrous Eggars fire it was decided to pay $25 to get chemicals for the fire dept.
It was a solicitation for new members. (nicely done)
Sixteen people attended the Jan. meeting.
Asking state park commission to acquire Willow Camp
Continuing concern for roads on the hill and the desire to get the upper roads paved.
In April there was a discussion about having lights on the main street in town.
There was concern about speeders through town.
In this connection there was discussion about appointing a deputy sheriff at Stinson.
The fire dept. asked the real estate office to try to find some place where they could put the fire engine more or less permanently.
Mr. Woddington was to be appointed deputy sheriff and life guard as soon as his record was cleared.
Two months later it was decided to ask for the appointment of R. Ditmar as Mr. Woodington's pardon was delayed for some time.

1940
Mrs. Gilbert reported that the library was being moved to larger quarters back of Van's Restaurant. She asked the club to purchase a copy of Grape of Wrath for the library, but the motion did not carry.

There was now talk of Willow Park and improving it. Mr. Kent contributed money to this effort. There was also a move to ask the sheriff's office for protect the area on weekends and in the summer.
Decided to investigate the feasibility of the extension of time both mornings and evenings in the local telephone service.
Motion to investigate moving the school into town.
Idea of having a community house on the Willow Park property.
The school move was dropped because of expense, but they did agree to install a phone.
They contributed $25 for a neon sign on Redwood Highway.
There was a problem with garbage on the beach. UC students dumping beer bottles from cars.
The Dipsea Race was being sponsored by the Marvelous Marin Inc. and the Stinson Beach Progressive Club.
After the race they discussed having it in June in the future. They also wanted to have a picnic for the men racing.
They discussed planting trees and shrubs at the entrance to the Park and they purchased some used benches for the park.
There was a voluntary collection to pay the taxes on the Chruch property of the Presbytery of the Redwoods. And a committee appointed to investigate converting the property to use of a community hall.

1941
There was a new president after nine years, Mr. Marble was out and Mr. Sadler was in. Mr. Marble was now 2nd vice-president.
The main concern was the poor road condition at overhanging rocks. So bad that the students had to get out of the school bus and walk over it.
The idea of transferring the church property was approved by the church leaders in S.F. Taxes were $4.53 a year.
Garbage was still a problem and Mr. Wilson reported rats running through his property.
Mr. Woodington was finally appointed Special deputy.
Dredging Bolinas Lagoon was discussed and its use for defense was raised by Navy personnel.
There was discussion of building a lifeguard tower at the site of the old Dipsea Lodge.
There was also discussion of roads along the coast being fixed for defense.
Mr. Marble was honored with life time membership for his ten years of service. Mrs. Grunert was also honored.
Discussion of a Sausalito, Stinson, Bolinas Stage.
Mr. Sunday addressed the Chair with a complain voiced by numerous residents on the Upton Tract involving the occupancy of the house of one H. Seigalkoff, by Japanese. The club voted to write the owner protesting this procedure.
Concern about liquor licenses was raised.
A rest room at the beach was completed. And the new tower had helped in the rescue of two swimmers.
A reply from the owner of the property where orientals might have lived was that he would respect the club's wishes.
Mr. Periera was concerned about the club's letter regarding liquor licenses. He has never created a problem. But the club remained concerned and wanted no proliferation.
Talk from Air Raid Wardens under the Civil Defense Council. Posts every four miles with over 100,000 in the state. One here at Y gate, one on Bolinas Mesa, and one five miles north of Bolinas.
Two people to watch at one time .
End of the year, Pres. Sadler spoke of the lack of general interest in low attendance at regular meetings.

1942
Now that the government is interested, Route 1 is going to be kept open and repaired.
The Listening Post for Civil Defense was placed in the library.
Fund drive for the Red Cross.
By March there was a laxness reported at the Listening Post.
The issues of conserving tires was raised. Commuters were encouraged to use the Stage
Day time periods of Listening Post were abandoned.
Need to buy Defense stamps and bonds.
Concern over what to do with rubbish now that outdoor fires are illegal.
Sign up for sugar rationing.
Statement about encouraging tourists to come to the coast for Memorial Day. There will be no closings as long as trips are planned so as to conform with desires of the military. No night driving along coastal roads.
Herb Caen was broadcasting this information.
There was a discussion of gas masks but none are yet available.
There is a drive for scrap rubber.
Firecrackers were prohibited this year.
The army was in quarters here. They were over the real estate office of Mrs. Grunert and served as a clubroom for the soldieres of the Coast Artillery.
The issues of the war seemed to have died down by Oct. of 1942

1943

1943 began with nine members , handwritten minutes and concerns over garbage disposal, and support for synthetic rubber.

The vice-president, Mr. Sadler resigned because of his call to the army.

The club decided to meet every three months.

It seemed that club activities were way down. In June there was a special meeting and no elected officers were present. The last meeting of the year was July.

There were no minutes for 1944

1945

The first minutes of 1945 were Oct. The President, Mr. Will Airey was absent.

Garbage was still the main issue.

Members were chosen for the new Marin Coast Chamber of Commerce.

It was suggested that plans be made to re-activate the Progressive Club.

It was decided to celebrate the first peacetime Christmas by erecting an d illuminating a Christmas Tree.

1946

Discussion of Marin County Recreation Committee for playgrounds and parks.

Garbage dump was a continuing issue.

Another membership drive was begun.

There were club sponsored card,and bingo parties, a St. Patrick's Dance.

Requests for stop signs at Calle del Sierra and Calle del Arroyo.

A request for state highway patrol on Sundays and holidays during the summer.

The March meeting had 55 members present!!!!

The Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce had taken over the Dipsea race and asked Stinson Prog. Club for help.

There was discussion about the purchase of the former Coast Guard Barracks by the county.

Decided to have a sports committee for purchase of playground equipment and supervision of playground activities.

The sports committee was put in charge of providing motion pictures.

There was a meeting with PG&E to discuss street lights, but not much encouragement was given. It could wait for three or four years.

Desire for square dancing group.

Desire for interdenominational church.

In Sept. the focus became the Stinson Beach Water Works, which had recently purchased Arenal Water company. They were to erect a new tank and replace old lines. Water purity was said to be good.

There were concerns raised about varying water pressure and unexpected shut offs.

There was then a discussion of the new fire dept. equipment.

Discussion of a proposed new code that would require licensed plumbers , electricians etc. for any building or home repairs. That would mean that workmen would have to come from San Rafael and the expense would be greater. The Club voted to write their opposition to this Code.

The Club voted not to pay the taxes on the Presbytery land because they could not use it for their desired purpose, i.e. a combined church and community center.
A Christmas tree was ordered.
Square dancing was continuing.
There were plans for a big Christmas party with a men's chorus caroling for all and the Tree.

1947
The garbage dump was the first item discussed.
The licensing issue for builders was dropped.
Christmas party was a great success.
There was discussion of building a harbor at Stinson for yachts and fishing boats.
The Club agreed to sponsor a group of Cub Scouts.
They also agree to sponsor Camp Fire Gilrls and Blue Birds.
There was concern raised of children coming down the hill on bicycles.
New owners of the Stinson Beach Store, Mr. & Mrs. Spaelsra, were introduced.
Square Dancing was dropped for poor attendance.
Cub Scouts were up a running but needed more Den Mothers.
Plans were discussed for a big July 4th party.
Discussed hiring boys to clean up the beach regularly.
There was discussion over land for a community center.
A sketch of the community center was drawn and will be presented.
Concerns over water rates were raised and letter was sent to the Railroad commission.
The corporation was set up for the Community center.
The 4th of July Committee cleared $3000 .
Square dancing came back.
There were 64 entrants for the Dipsea which was being broadcast on KTIM.
The new dial phone system was being installed .
The Community Center board requested that the Progressive Club support the building of a fire hall.
There was discussion about what would be wanted in a Community Center.
A Boys Club under the sponsorship of the Recreation Committee was formed.

1948
There were plans made for the July Carnival as a three day celebration with dance, and booths and a bathing beauty contest with the winner being known as Miss Marin. The events would culminate with fireworks .
Discussion about Arenal Water Works charging more than Stinson Beach Water Works, hurting the growth of the Arenal area. The company denied these allegations.
There were long discussions about new equipment and replacing worn out mains.
Decided to set up zones of operation and automatic pressure regulating valves.
Fire Chief Airey that there was money for fire hydrants in the Stinson Beach Highlands. Six inch mains were installed
There were 119 members in the Progressive Club, sixty locals . The rest were out of town homeowners.
Boy Scouts were being organized. Equipment for a playground that had never been started was given to the Scouts.
It was decided to have a card party to raise money for the Boy Scouts and the Campfire Girls to send them to camp. Twice as much money was set for the boys.
There was $350 in prizes for the July beauty contest.
There was talk of getting a new fire siren.
The July Celebration netted about $2000.
Of money actually collected for summer camp, the amounts to boys and girls was about the same.

The Fire Committee is ready to put up a tower for the new fire siren.
Request for pedestrian walk from Airey's Store to the Stinson Beach School as 50 children will be on the road at one time.
A 2 hour meeting with the Marin County Planning Commission on types of zoning and what the Planning commission has in mind for the future of Stinson Beach. It was decided that the residents would meet and talk among themselves as to what they would want.
The choral group, the little theatre group, and the allied arts group were progressing nicely with the Christmas Pageant.

1949
Began with discussion of the ground breaking for the new fire house.
The Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce announced they had decided to discontinue the Dipsea Race. The Progressive club was attempting to find a new sponsor.
Fire house was moving toward completion.
There were ninety-seven members of the Progressive Club.
The Dipsea was saved by sponsored by Hamilton Field and The Progressive Club.
Girl Scouts are to be Junior Hostesses and Boy Scouts are running the candy and popcorn booths at the July Celebration.
The Celebration netted $2500
The idea of having the Celebration at Labor Day and tying it into the Dipsea Race was proposed.
Beach condition was discussed at filthy, dirty, and deplorable.
Dipsea was successful.
The idea of having the fire wagon taken out every Saturday and dumping the water out to settle the dust.
Idea of having a monthly dance at the Fire House for the teen-ageers.
A shallow harbor in Bolinas was discussed.
Marin County Planning Commission letter about tentative map of Deadowns, for sub-division belonging to William Kent estate. It was withdrawn a month later.
There was a wonderful Halloween Party for children.
Louise and Bill Airey were presented with a lovely tablecloth and napkins in appreciation of the twenty years with the Progressive Club.

1950
The celebration for 1950 was discussed and recommendations were to be made to the Community Center.
Greyhound service for commuters is through Sausalito and the Club wanted a direct route to San Francisco.
The Club decided to help Scout Bill Jones attend the National Jamboree in Valley Forge, PA.
There was a flag pole placed in front of the fire house.
Greyhound changed it route so that there is now a direct San Francisco trip.
It was decided to have the 1950 celebration on July 4th with a bathing beauty contest, fireworks, deep water swim and a drawing.
Concern in presentation of the California Marine Parks and Harbor Assoc. regarding silting of Bolinas Lagoon. Bolinas people were in favor of dredging.
Beach was dirty. Need more containers, signs warning violators.
Net on Carnival was $2500.
Due to war scare Lester Sadler felt tht it was out of the question that anything be done about Unit #2 of the Community center.
Discussion about a fence on the beach erected by the Kent Estate on the Sand Spit. Questions about its legality.
In Sept. the meeting was given over to a speaker on Russia. 52 people were present.
The Kent fence was restricted above the mean high water mark.
The idea of reactivating the Civil Defense Service was raised.

1951
The year began with meetings at the Fire House not the Sea Beach Hotel.
Scouting was still a central focus.
Card parties were seen as important fund raisers.
In Jan. there was discussion of Civil Defense and how a co-ordinator needed to be appointed.
The 4-H club was discussed and awards given.
Discussed starting an Explorers group of the Boy Scouts.
Discussed having the State Park system acquire certain area properties.
More talk of dredging Bolinas Lagoon..

The July 4th Celebration was not able to find a chairman as of April even though they decided to pay someone to take the position.
In May it was decided to have a one day celebration. No bathing beauty contest and fewer booths. Still no chairman.
New cans and some more county support for beach clean up during the summer was discussed.
Discussion of Kent acreage and having the state purchase it for $40,000.00. Land from Sea Downs south.
Kent is anxious to dispose of the property.
Richmond SanRafael Bridge should be completed by 1956
There was also concern about the closure of the road parallel to Kent's fence on the sandspit.
Lester Sadler Jr. took over the July 4th Celebration and did well.
Discussion of Unit #2 of the Community Center.
The Director of the community center had funds of $10,000
Civil Defense was not getting enough cooperation. They need Block Mothers.
By November the Cub Scouts were down to 3 members and they needed four for a Pack.
Discussion of burning of rubbish in open and closed containers.
The Community Church was $225 in debt and not getting funds and might have to be discontinued.

1952
In 1952 there was a printed agenda for the meeting.
Mrs. Cavanaugh gave a tlk in behalf of the Cancer Society in regard to a nationwide survey whichis being made to attempt to determine whether smoking is a factor in causing cancer of the lungs.
Talk of having a paved footpath up Calle Del Mar.
Building of the Community Center was discussed.
Mr. Sadler was in charge of the 4th of July Celebration with two nights of fireworks.
The Annual Rummage Sale was discussed
Sept. meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.
Meeting in Oct. was about the coming election and there were speakers for various candidates.
Boy Scouts were in trouble due to lack of a Scout master.
Talk of reducing speed through town and moving the 25 MPH sign.
Developing a sewage system but the cost was prohibitive.
Daniel O'Gorman and Shadow Helfrich agreed to serve as Scout masters.
Due to the apathy of the citizenry of Stinson Beach, it was decided that the sponsoring of a Christmas tree with bonfire and refreshments will be bypassed by the Progressive Club this year.

1953
There will be a March of Dimes Card Party.
Discussion with Stawberry Improvement Club of a Federation of Marin Improvement Clubs.
Discussion of having the Community Church take kids from Stinson School to Bolinas for Religious instruction.
Mr. And Mrs. Helfrich wanted to get out of leading Boy and Cub Scouts,.
Set up the Marin Federation of Improvement Clubs but Progressive Club did not join.
A rep. From San Francisco Youth Authority spoke about teenage problems.
The May meeting was given over to Scouting and talks about how important it is.
Discussion of Stinson Beach drinking water quality
In June it was decided to let Scouting lapse due to dis-interest of most of the eligible boys.
Lester Sadler was again in charge of the July 4th Celebration.
Boy Scouts had several boys joining the Bolinas group.
A hundred sandwiches and milk were needed for the "boys" after the Dipsea race.
In the December meeting it was discussed that the nominating committee could not get candidates.
If Stinson Beach park is taken over by the state Bill Woodington will lose his job. Concern was raised.

1954
Camp Fire girls couldn't find a leader and girls were at the meeting.
New officers were elected for the Prog. Club.
These were the only minutes from 1954.

1955
1955 began with a new president, Louis De Ghelder not Mr. Cavenaugh who had been elected in 1954.
There was a petition to the Department of Health protesting the chlorinating of Stinson Beach Water.
Concern over an automobile junkyard on Calle del Sierra.
Then an official came to speak about Chlorination at the Feb. meeting.
He said that chlorination prevents pollution.
The Club voted to oppose Chlorination.
A "Seadrift" property owner, Lr. L.P. Monson asked to become a Progressive Club member.
The March meeting was held to discuss the proper course of action to prevent further occurrences of rioting such as had recetly happened. The need for a fulltime uniformed deputy was discussed.

Uniting the Bolinas and Stinson School districts was discussed.
Lester Sadler said that Director of the Community Center each member organization should sponsor a fund raising activity. Card nights were the big idea.
Bill Airey was nominated for president…again.

1956
William Airey was president.
Lester Sadler Jr. was nominated for the SBCC.
There was concern raised about flood protection and a committee was set up .
There must have been a serious flood that winter because they were talking about $100,000 in damages.
The Flood Committee was asked for a survey of Easkoot Creek. And they asked that Marin be reimbursed for cleaning out the creek.
This was all done by the Army Corps of Engineers.
There was a plan for a crib where the creek broke through on the Community Center property.
They were going to build a rock wall on Belvedere above the Community Center property.
Bolinas had lower fire insurance rates due to better water system.
Concern was raised about gnats and could the county destroy them at the same time they were spraying for mosquitos.
In September there was talk about the need for a County Fire Truck because ti had been moved from Stinson. There was also concern that the school was outside the fire district boundaries.
The summer series of card parties was successful.
Mr. And Mrs. Woodington moved from Stinson and the Club expressed its official regret.
There were two deputy sheriffs residing in Stinson and that was enough.
There were no nominations for club officers for the coming year.
Water was being Chlorinated.
Greyhound bus service might be stopped.

1957
January-Discussion of constructing a new bridge and using gravel from our creek.
1956 officers were reelected.
A county fire truck was stationed here.
The next meeting was in April???
The Club approved having overnight camping in the Stinson Beach State Park including trailers.
The next meeting was for July?????
Parking on weekends was discussed.
Then they went back to monthly meetings.
Discussion with Lester Sadler of the Community Center about building a chapel.
A.A. Eustis was elected next president as Mr. Airey was going on the board of the Community Center.
The problem with overnight camping was sanitation.

1958
There was some concern raised about garden burning of trash because of smog. (a first mention of it)
60 lights were stolen from the Christmas Tree and broken along the highway. Perhaps there shouldn't be a Christmas tree.
Concern was raised about higher water rates due to chlorination.
Vin Eustis praised the club for fine attendance and interest.
He then brought up the matter of the "request for a raise in the water rates" by the Stinson Beach Water Company and stated that the community was up in arms about the matter and that complaints were coming in each day about our inadequate water system...mud in the water...uneven pressures...over doses of chlorine...rust...and charges at present for such poor service. And this was presented to the Public Utilities hearing.
Concern was raised that the county fire truck had been taken away.
In April there was a speaker about New appraisals for property taxes.
There was a moment of silence as a tribute to William G. Airey, one of the founders of the Progressive Club, Past President, Fire Commissioner and an ever active member over the years.
The was a Memorial Fund set up for Bill Airey.

There was a display of Frank Lloyd Wright's plans for the Marin County Government Center. There was a movie about it and the 139 acres of land involved.
The fire truck issue was discussed by Marin County Fire Dept. Chief who said that Stinson would be served by a two man Patrol Fire Truck operating from a station on Throckmorton Ridge near the Mountain House.
It was decided that the Progressive Club sponsor a String recital in Sept.
Dorothy Nye presented information that the Lumber Contract of the Sweet Lumber Mill operating in western Marin was up for renewal and called attention to thte way the hillsides were being denuded of beautiful trees. But no action was taken.
The Civil Defense issues of sudden atomic attack were discussed and printed information was handed out.
The water rates were raised anyhow. But the Club continued to fight and got an attorney.
The Club was still supporting the Dipsea Race.
Dr. Breidenbach presented his ideas for a Medical Facility for Stinson Beach. The ideas were warmly received.
O.B. Cavanaugh, fire commissioner, said he deplored the fact that he could not get anyone interested in taking the Atomic Bomb Safety Course.
George P. Leonard was the owner of the Stinson Beach Water Company.

1959
There had been water flooding from the Lagoon especially on the West side on Calle del Arroyo due to creek bed filling with sand and gravel and the small opening in the causeway.
The Progressive Club was paying $55 in annual dues to the Community Center.
Unanimous support for building a chapel.
Desire for traffic signals at Airey's store cause of traffic at park entrance.
School taxes were going up and there may be double sessions or inter-district agreement with Bolinas.
Chapel construction going on well.
There was concern about tract style houses being built here.
Continued support for the Dipsea race.
Progressive Club opposed to lots of less than 1/2 acre.
Thomas Tawns was elected president for the following year.

1960
telephone exchange to be the same for Bolinas and Stinson.
Discussion of Seadrift and The Highlands into one Fire District.
Discussion of the task of getting all kinds of boats into the lagoon.
No minutes from April to October. Hugh Dougherty was given the minutes and did not return them.
Hugh Dougherty on committee for Sanitary District discussion. The issue was sewage system.
More discussion about flood control.

1961
Since Sept. 1959 Stinson and Bolinas schools have been combined even though there remained two districts.
In 1961 there was talk of combining the districts.
Discussion of the relocation of Shoreline Highway.
Discussion of plans of the Volunteer Fire Department.
Notice of a Master Plan from the County for Bolinas and Stinson Beach.
July 4th carnival again.
"church" almost complete.
Land east of causeway to seadrift up for sale? Needs to be a parking lot.
But then it was decided that there was ample parking already and more in future. Other ideas for the land were Sanitary treatment plant school, or a natural lagoon.
Master plan for Bolinas and Stinson was for parking east of Seadrift with drainage for highway. The club was against the idea.

The school districts were combined. But there was a tax to vote on and Mr. Lacaze urged support.
Concerns were raised about development in the Lagoon area.
Manuel fostine advised that when the county owned the state park they always kept the creek dredged.
Heavy growth of willows in the creek causes silting.
Parking problems on Laurel and Belvedere.
Continuing interest in sewage survey.
Concerns about outdoor rubbish burning.
Several times during this year there was no quorum for the meetings.
There was continuing concern about flood control.
Sewage needs treatment plant and this is a problem. Lots of talk, surveys, lack of money.
It all seems frustrating, the sewage issue. How much should Stinson work with Bolinas in this?
The Volunteer Fire Dept. was asked to take over the Christmas tree.
Richard Reasoner reported that the Christmas tree was in bad condition.
The New Post Office will be ready soon.

1962
George Leonard and William Kent Jr. were to take part in Post Office dedication and there will be a display of new Fire Dept. equipment.
Question about forming a West Marin School District so we would have our own high School and not have to go to Tam.
Mr. Dougherty felt Stinson should proceed with sewage study without Bolinas since they were lagging.
Property values are lagging due to no sewage system.
Do we want to be part of Tomales high school district? Club voted in favor of joining the Tomales Unified School District.
Water rates going up for capital improvements to Kent Estates Company's Seadrift and Lagoon development.
Barbara Sherfy Chair of the Bldg& Grounds Committee requested a wood pile be moved.
Idea for a one way street up Laurel and Belvedere…with a turn around.
Bill's Superette is where notices are goingup.
Decided to move to quarterly meetings instead of one a month.
There was a handmade Memorial Book bugun by Edward Leslie and finished by Mrs. Walter Marble. This is a gift from the Club to the Community Center and will be in a special cabinet in the Community Church.
There were problems with the Dipsea race and the Progessive club wanted Pacific Amateur Athletic Union rules followed.
The Stinson Beach County Water District was formed reported Hugh Dougherty.
Hugh Dougherty was elected President and the office of Secretary/Treasurer was to be paid.
The idea of a four lane highway alone Shoreline was discussed.
The issue discussed was Scenic Highway vs. freeway development. Progressive Club is for Scenic Highway. Mr. Dougherty was a leader against freeway.

1963
Mr. Dougherty set up a standing Committee for streets and Highways with A.A. Eustis as chairman.
There was also a Planning and Zoning Standing Committee. Ruth Miller was chair.
Talk of a highway from The Forts to Muir Beach.
Discussion of street lighting for Stinson.
Concerns about roads on the Hill being in poor condition.
Discussion of Civil Defense first aid stations, warning signals, shelter program, radiological Detecter Kits
March was a panel discussion of school district unification about Tomales district high school, Kindergarten through high school.
April there was a long discussion of the Dipsea race. IT was much more complex with doctors, traffic diversion, bands, rest area. Etc.
Audubon Society asked for Progressive Club support for prohibiting the discharge of firearms in the Bolinas Basin area. The Club feeling there were already laws covering this and they needed to be enforced refused to support the Society.
Discussion of stop lights at Calle del Mar and feeling that it was too expensive.
There was support for a bill limiting bill boards.
Support for extending lease of Steep Ravine Cabins.
Opposed to dredging Potato Patch because of affects on Marin beaches.
The July Carnival was well in hand under Lester Sadler.
Maude Stinson died and there was a memorial planned.

1964
After a failed attempt in January, Pres. Dougherty got passed a motion to join the Marin Federation of Improvement Clubs.
There was discussed the Summer Festival of the Arts at eh West Marin Arts Center (Sand Dollar).

Beach area was evacuated because of a Tidal Wave Alert.
Some concern about West Marin Master Plan. And a desire to be involved in zoning.
June 2, 1964 voters rejected the "total" unification of Tamalpais Union High School District.
New proposal that would put Stinson in with San Anselmo, and west. Lots of information about redistricting and unification.
No mention of the Dipsea Race or July Carnival.
Major discussion of the West Marin Master Plan with a four lane highway through town and along Bolinas Lagoon. [No great concerns apparent]. Concern was for knowing the zoning for West Marin.
Concern with George Leonard about water shortage.
There can be no "turn off" signs along two lane roads as these are for freeways.
Underground Utilities Dougherty in favor. But perhaps membership in Progressive Club was too small to talk for the whole community.
Drinking water in area will be a problem as area develops.

1965
No minutes for January, February, or March.
Concern about preserving Bolinas Lagoon in revised plan.
Sept. 3 meeting with 40 members present.
Discussion of highway changes with Highway 1 oneway going North.
Jim Orr made a motion that the Progressive Club vote approval of the Master Plan.
Ridgecrest Drive would be for through traffic and Highway 1 would be recreational. All this was approved by the Club.

1966
No quorum for Jan. meeting, none held in Feb. and no quorum in March.
Ten members were present for April meeting.
Because of poor attendance, quarterly meetings were decided upon.
Discussion of addition to the fire house.
Meeting in Oct. was a panel discussion of the Bolinas Lagoon Development Plan. Change is inevitable so we must plan. What do we want to preseve.
Conservation League was concerned that development meant wildlife problems.
Destroying Kent Island was seen as a bad idea.
Dr. Finley said that unless a plan is developed , the lagoon as we know it will disappear. He wanted an attractive development. Any pklan must be a compromise and no one to preserve the lagoon for any special group.
Concern about sewage waste ruining the Lagoon.
The Audubon Canyon Ranch representative was really against developing the area.
Siltation is not a problem as photos from 50 years ago show.

1967
First minutes were for May 10.
Arthur Volz was elected president?????What happened to other officers?????
Oct. 15 was the next meeting.
There was a possibility of losing the library as the building had been sold.
There were five hours of library a week. The Boub voted to support the library.
Difficulty in selecting a route for Highway 17 has generated feeling against a freeway for 17 and an effort to divert future West Marin traffic to Highway 1 is being made.

1968
Except for Tomales, Stinson is the lowest user of the library in the county. The supervisors increased the open time by six hours.
Both the Bolinas and Stinson schools were closed as unsafe. Renting rooms or building a news school were the only answers.
Concern about nominating officers of the club and the political stands they took. Need to get point of view out to the members.
The Board of Supervisors is now in favor of preserving Bolinas Lagoon.
May was the last meeting with minutes for the year.
Misplaced were Nov. minutes. They discussed the need for a park with a basketball court.

1969
24 members were present for January meeting.
Pres. Volz presiding.
Discussion about securing more interest in the Club.

In Feb. there was a meeting with 100 people attending. Panel discussion of the dissolution of the Harbor Board. Everyone agrees there is a need for more water in the lagoon.Do not turn the lagoon development over to the county or the state. There was talk about the need for humans to be able to use the environment.
In March Hugh Dougherty was again Chairman.
Discussion of house numbers.
Dipsea Race has grown very large maybe a 1000 runners.
Should women and children be allowed to run?
The subject of the Oct. meeting was "The Mess We Are In" particularly litter and traffic congestion.
Suggestion for anti-littering legislation.
Next was discussion of cable TV.
Endorsed the purchase of Point Reyes National Seashore.

1970
Began with flooding on Calle del Arroyo, poor conditions on Panoramic Highway.
Mr. Tupper said that life here is a gamble—roads may be open or not, we may have electricity or not, but most of the taxes go to big communities.
Note to members and friends of the Progressive Club in April from the officers concerning:

1. highways—still concerned about freeway on top of Bolinas ridge. Club has diverse opinions about this.
2. the club is considering 2-hour parking on weekends in downtown business area.
3. Bolinas Harbor District was dissolved.
4. house numbers
5. no park near community center.
6. sewers—if commitments for Federal aid can be secured there may be Bolinas/Stinson sewers.
7. Low on money in club.
8. join the club.

By August membership and money were both up.
Stinson residents do not want a freeway.
Limited growth desired for town.
Most wanted underground utilities.
Most wanted sewage.
Mr. Dougherty said that the Water District which had been formed ten years ago was founded with sewage in mind. He presented the plan for it. It should be finished by 1972.
Mr. Walker a senior consultant for the Conservation Foundation said the geology of the Lagoon is unique and there can be no development that will not harm it. No boats, no noise and limited dredging. There should be no buildings outside the existing two towns. No highway development. No freeway. Very careful monitoring of limited dredging.
Oct. meeting set up committees to handle streets, underground utilities, and Planning and Zoning,
Al Engle was on unilities
Andrea de Marco on Zoning

1971
Begins with a March 6 report to the community.
Concern over future land development.
Concern over growing awareness of man's negative effects on environment and concern for Bolinas Lagoon.
Need for substantial changes in the Master Plan.
The Lagoon is unique and must be kept that way. Circulation must be maintained and there is a need to slow input of pollution from the watershed. The sewer system will help but DDT must be controlled.
A bicycle path around the lagoon is being considered.
In June, Mr. Dougherty, who was also president of the Water DistrictBoard explained the plan for joint Stinson/Bolinas sewer system. Opposition was centered around excessive cost. Lack of participation of the community in planning, non-use of ecological knowledge, and opposition to joining with Bolinas.
There was great concern about Bolinas discharging raw sewage into the lagoon. They now must change.
Mr. Dougherty spoke of the inadequacy of septic tanks.
Concerns about sewage plan dealt with lack of community input.

1972
This year has only one meeting and that is of the executive committee in January.
The meeting was for new directors and dues.

1973
Mr. Hugh Dougherty spoke of the difficulties encountered by the blub feeling that the officers had served much too long and no membership was solicited.
Kendrick Rand was nominated as a new President.
People spoke about the Club and what it had done over the years and that it can be a viable organization.
Mr. Rand said there was a need for a membership drive.
Issues were July 4th celebration, dog problem, parking in town.
The April meeting with school board members speaking was the last meeting.